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 JANUARY 2004				NEW YEAR'S DAY 1	2	3
4 It takes 75,000 trees to print a Sunday Edition of the New York Times	5	6	7	8 Every year enough paper is thrown away to make a 12-foot wall from New York to California.	9	10
11 One ton of recycled paper uses: 64 percent less energy, 50 percent less water, 74 percent less air pollution, saves 17 trees and creates five times more jobs than one ton of paper products from virgin wood pulp	12	13	14	15 ECO/BLDG ENERGY MONITOR 1300-1400 HAZ MAT 1400-1445 Bldg 218	16	17
18 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY	19	20 EQWG 1000-1130 EPO MEETING 1300-1400 Green Bldg.	21 MANEUVER DAMAGE CONTROL CLASS 1300-1400 Green Bldg	22	23	24
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PAPER: BUY SMART & RECYCLE IT WHEN USED

It's what you use to express yourself in written form, you blow your nose with a type of it and it covers my desk. It is paper. The paper we use every day comes after an involved process of lumber operations, production, packaging and distribution. You are involved in the final stages of buying, using and then deciding how to get rid of paper.

In an effort to help the country offset our massive use of paper, the federal government requires paper product purchases follow guidance on recycled content. Most paper products you purchase should contain 30 percent recovered content or 30 percent post-consumer content. This is where it gets a little tricky. The EPA defines recovered content as scrap paper that is part of the production process – not waste. Post-consumer content refers to what is recycled from our homes and offices – waste. Both are reused in a fashion.

Buying recycled content paper is pretty straight forward. Manufacturers have made this easy by marking their paper products with the percentage of recycled content material. So, when you are buying for your unit or your home, you can determine which paper is the environmentally preferable type.

The purchasing part of the recycled-content paper is just the first step. Once you have used it for work, downloading recipes from the Internet or wrestling through your financial statements, you again recycle it. This is known as closing the loop. You buy it recycled and then you recycle it again. Recycling has many benefits that aren't obvious. In fact, according to the EPA, recycling:

- ✓ Conserves resources for our children's future.
- ✓ Prevents emissions of many greenhouse gases and water pollutants.
- ✓ Saves energy.
- ✓ Supplies valuable raw materials to industry.
- ✓ Creates jobs.
- ✓ Stimulates the development of greener technologies.
- ✓ Reduces the need for new landfills and incinerators.Fort Carson recycles paper products as part of its recycling program.

In FY02 the installation recycled 488,000 tons of office paper, or the equivalent of 4,148 17-foot tall trees. This recycling effort also prevented that same quantity from ending up in a landfill.

There are three 24-hour recycling drop off locations on post for paper and other products at: at the Recycle Center, Bldg. 155, located off of Wickersham Boulevard near Gate 3, the southwest corner of Barkley and Specker Avenues (just south west of the stop light) and at the southeast corner of the Post Exchange on Sheridan Avenue.

Here are a few more recycling facts from the University of Colorado at Boulder to mull over before you throw that next piece of paper or newsprint in your trash can.

Fort Carson takes recycling seriously not only from a purchasing standpoint, but also from a disposal standpoint. The installation has a goal of reducing waste disposal to zero by 2027 by maximizing pollution prevention and recycling opportunities and minimizing the generation of waste. This is a big goal, but attainable with individual dedication.

If you would like to submit your ideas on recycling initiatives or simply find out more about on-post recycling, call 526-5898. For more information about affirmative procurement guidance for paper products or other products, you can log on to the EPA website at www.epa.gov/epaoswer/non-hw/procure/. Check out www.epa.gov/oppt/epp/gent/ for general training information on EPP (Environmentally Preferable Purchasing).



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- ALDO LEOPOLD